

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects the claims in Group III for further prosecution, namely, Claims 33-37, drawn to a method of creating a library of nucleic acids using Holliday junctions, classified in class 453, subclass 6.

Applicant cancels claim 1-32.

We believe the application to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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